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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S SPEECH OF APRIL 8 ON LOS

REFS: A. STATE 85109 B) PRAGUE 0637

1. MOST FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS FULLY OCCUPIED WITH 15TH PARTY CONGRESS. CHARGE THEREFORE SENT COPY OF TEXT OF SECRETARY'S ADDRESS TO DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER VEJVODA, AND POL COUNSELOR MET WITH ZDENEK PISK TO GIVE HIM TEXT AND DISCUSS SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS IN DETAIL. PISK IS HEAD OF LEGAL DEPARTMENT AT MFA, HAS ATTENDED MOST LOS CONFERENCE SESSIONS, AND IS GOC'S "EXPERT" ON LOS MATTERS.

2. PISK AGREED WITH SECRETARY'S ESTIMATE OF THOSE ISSUES ON WHICH AGREEMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN REACHED, AND ON PRIMARY REMAINING ISSUES, ON SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS REGARDING MARINE SCIENCE RESEARCH, PISK SEEMED TO FEEL THAT THESE SHOULD MEET COASTAL STATES' INTERESTS, CONCERNING DISPUTE SETTLEMENT MECHANISM, PISK HAD NOTHING TO ADD TO INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL B.

3. PISK THOUGH PROPOSALS FOR COMPOSITION OF RESOURCE AUTHORITY SOUNDED LOGICAL. HE WAS MOST INTRIGUED WITH PROPOSALS ON ACCESS TO DEEP SEABED RESOURCES AND ON THIS QUESTION AS WELL, FELT THAT SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL SHOULD MEET WITH APPROVAL OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

4. FINALLY, HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT DECISION TO HAVE SECRETARY HEAD UDEL AT NEXT SESSION SHOULD IMPRESS ALL PARTICIPANTS OF U.S. SERIOUSNESS; HE ASSUMES MOST COUNTRIES WILL FOLLOW SUIT.

5. PISK TOOK OCCASION TO RAISE WHAT HE TERMED A CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY CONCERNING BENEFITS TO LANDLOCKED AND GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED STATES (LL/GDS) FROM REVENUE DERIVED FROM EXPLOITATION OF DEEP SEABED RESOURCES. HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY GOC DELEGATION IN NEW YORK THAT INDICATIONS FROM USDEL WERE THAT U.S. WOULD NOT SUPPORT ANY COMPENSATORY BENEFITS

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TO THIS GROUP, BUT ONLY TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS SUCH. POINT-
ING OUT THAT LL/GDS WERE GETTING NOTHING FROM ECONOMIC ZONE,
PISK EXPRESSED VIEW THAT GROUP WAS THEREFORE ENTITLED TO SPECIAL
SHARE IN BENEFITS FROM DEEP SEABED RESOURCES. HE NOTED
LL/GDS COMPRISE SOME 50 COUNTRIES, AND THUS COULD IN FACT
BLOCK FINAL AGREEMENT ON TREATY; THEY MIGHT INDEED DO SO IF
THEIR DESIRES ON THIS ISSUE WERE NOT MET.
6. POL COUNSELOR PROMISED TO REPORT PISK'S REMARKS TO
DEPARTMENT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO DEPARTMENT CAN
PROVIDE ON THIS POINT, PERRY

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